

CLAIMS

1. A method for producing open-knit fabric with machines for knitting hosiery or other articles, which consists in producing in succession rows of knitting (A,B,C) by means of a plurality of needles (1,2) of the machine that is used, characterized in that it consists in performing openwork constituted by holes, each of which is provided by means of a group of needles (1,2) in which a first needle (1), after taking part in the formation of a first row (A) of knitting, is freed from the loop (1a) of said first row (A) of knitting by transferring said loop (1a) to a second needle (2) that is contiguous to said first needle (1), said first needle (1) being actuated so as to resume knitting, forming a new loop (1b) of a row (B) of knitting that is subsequent to said first row (A).

2. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said first needle (1) is actuated to resume knitting during the formation of a second row (B) of knitting that directly follows said first row (A) of knitting.

3. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said first needle (1), in the formation of a second row (B) of knitting that directly follows said first row (A) of knitting, is excluded from knitting in order to form a bridge (1b) at said first needle (1) and is actuated so as to resume knitting in the formation of a row (C) of knitting that follows said second row (B) of knitting.

4. The method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said first needle (1), when it is actuated to resume knitting after the transfer of the loop (1b), is actuated so as to form at least one tuck stitch.

5. The method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said first needle (1), in the formation of at least one second row (B) of knitting that directly follows said first row (A), is excluded from knitting to form a bridge (1a) at said first needle (1), and in that the loop (2b) that is formed by said second needle (2) and belongs to

said second row (B) of knitting is transferred to a third needle (3) that is contiguous to said second needle (2), freeing said second needle as well, said first needle (1) and said second needle (2) being actuated to resume knitting in the formation of a row (C) of knitting that follows said second  
5 row (B) of knitting .

6. The method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said first needle (1), in the forming of at least one second row (B) of knitting that directly follows said first row (A) of knitting, is excluded from knitting so as to form a bridle (1b) at said first  
10 needle (1), and in that the loop that is formed by said second needle (2) and belongs to said second row (B) of knitting is transferred to a third needle (3) that is contiguous to said second needle (2), freeing said second needle (2) as well, and in that the operation for transferring the loop to a needle that is contiguous to the one that received the loop of the preceding row is repeated  
15 for a preset number of rows, freeing in each instance a needle, while the needles freed by the transfer of the loop in a preceding row are excluded from knitting during the formation of a preset number of rows of knitting, the needles excluded from the knitting of said preset number of rows resuming knitting by formation a new row of knitting after said preset  
20 number of rows of knitting.

7. The method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that when knitting with the needles freed by the transfer of the loop resumes, at least one of said freed needles is actuated to form a tuck stitch.

25 8. The method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that the needles freed by the transfer of the loop are actuated to resume knitting by forming new loops in the formation of successive different rows of knitting.

9. The method according to one or more of the preceding claims,  
30 characterized in that the regions adjacent to said holes are knitted with plain

stitches.

10. The method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is performed with a machine of the type disclosed in the published patent document WO-02/070799.

5 11. An open-knit article, characterized in that it is obtained by means of a method according to one or more of the preceding claims.